

# DISCOVER INDIANA'S BEST KEPT SECRET

The Indiana State Library was established in 1825 to provide library services to Indiana's state governmental officials and employees. Since that time, its responsibilities have expanded to provide services to all citizens of Indiana, including special populations such as the blind and visually impaired, to collect and preserve all types of information about the state of Indiana, to support the development of the library profession, and to strengthen the services of all libraries within Indiana.

Today, the Indiana State Library houses the vast collections with over two million volumes and three million manuscripts, as well as thousands of maps, federal documents, microfilm, and more. Just as the Library of Congress serves as the historical repository for our nation, the State Library is responsible for collecting and preserving all types of information and data about Indiana. The State Library proudly maintains two of the largest Indiana History and Genealogy collections in the World.

The magnificent limestone building housing the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Bureau was dedicated in 1934. Within the building are beautiful stained glass windows, colorful murals, walnut-paneled walls, brass accents, and woodcarvings. The building is a showcase in itself, a beautiful example of early 1930s American architecture constructed with Indiana limestone, sandstone, and walnut.



## INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

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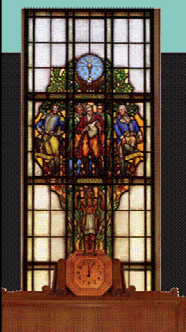
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## *COLLECTIONS & SERVICES*

The Indiana State Library was founded in 1825 and is one of Indiana's most diverse libraries, with specialized collections in the areas of:

- Indiana history & current events, people, & places significant to the state
- Genealogy & family history
- Indiana newspapers—historical & current
- Manuscripts, personal papers, & photographs of Hoosiers through history
- American history & politics
- Braille, audio books, & large print books
- Federal & state documents
- Statistical information about Indiana & U.S.

### **Genealogy Collection**

Offers published & unpublished resources relating to family history. The collection's emphasis is on Indiana and bordering states as well as eastern and southern states. Resources includes:

- Family & local histories
- Population censuses
- Electronic records & databases
- Indiana statewide marriage indexes through

1850 & from 1958 through 2002

- Military & pension information
- Passenger lists
- Research guides, name origin & heraldry references
- Indexes, abstracts, or copies of vital records

### **Indiana Collection**

Provides reference service on all aspects of Indiana historic and current. Collects and maintains print and non-print materials documenting all areas of Indiana and its people. The collection includes:

- Maps & atlases—historic & current
- State laws, 1816-present
- Indiana newspapers section containing over 300 publications from 1804-present
- Histories, biographies, magazines, journals
- Manuscripts, broadsides, & photographs
- State agency reports & publications, 1816-present
- Online databases & exhibitions

### **Indiana State Data Center**

A cooperative service between the U.S. Census Bureau and State of Indiana, coordinated by the State Library, IN Business Research Center, IN Department of Workforce Development, and IN Geographic Information Council. Services include:

- Demographic statistics from the Census Bureau & other federal & state agencies for all Indiana

counties, townships & local municipalities

- Indiana data, including crime, employment rates, poverty, income, education, birth & death rates, commuting patterns, etc.

### **Government Documents Collection**

Maintains nonfiction collections for use by legislators, state officials and employees, libraries, and residents. Manages the federal documents depository program and provides assistance in all subject areas, including:

- American history & politics
- Federal government publications
- Economics & business
- Public policy & environmental management

### **Talking Book & Braille Library**

The Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library maintains and circulates an extensive collection of audio, braille, and large print books and magazines for Indiana residents who have difficulty reading standard print. The Talking Books also offers children's services, patron newsletters, reference and information services, and special programming. Talking Books now offers the highly anticipated digital book player with online access to over 22,000 digital books. This service is free for all eligible Indiana residents.